

Venous Blood Sampling (April 2013)

Item: Obtaining intravenous access for the purpose of obtaining a venous blood sample.
Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited Advanced Life Support procedure• Specified in existing regulations.
Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not authorized for EMT• Authorized for AEMT as part of basic scope of practice through existing regulations• Authorized for Paramedic through existing regulations
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100106(b)(6) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an AEMT to obtain a venous or capillary blood sample for laboratory analysis.• Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an AEMT.
Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No suggestions/recommendations
Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).
Considerations and Recommendations: No additional guidance at this time.